



Making Friends and Fostering Community

November 2017 Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Friends,

How about this lovely extended autumn! We have had a lovely year so far with great results for all the hard work done by our club members AND our extended family of friends in the Hollis Community!

We come now into another Holiday season of fun and festivities. I plan to have roles within my Church Family as well as the Community and the HWC Family but as with all of you my own family comes first. We all know that the Holidays can lead to stress and a feeling of overwhelm. Taking it day by day is one way, also having a plan so as not to over commit ourselves. RELAX, take care of your own needs first and then push a little more to open your eyes to the needs of those around you. Tis' the Season of Giving so remember to see the world in a positive light and those that need will receive.

I look forward to the coming times of fellowship and flurry in the upcoming HWC season.

All the Best,
Betsy

VICE PRESIDENT'S DESK –December Charity Make-a-Wish New Hampshire

WISHES ARE MORE THAN JUST A NICE THING. A wish experience can be a game-changer for a child with a life-threatening medical condition. This one belief guides us in everything we do at Make-A-Wish®. It inspires us to grant wishes that change the lives of the kids we serve. It compels us to be creative in exceeding the expectations of every wish kid. It drives us to make our donated resources go as far as possible. Most of all, it's the founding principle of our vision to grant the wish of every eligible child.

WISHES ARE MORE THAN JUST A NICE THING. And they are far more than gifts, or singular events in time. Wishes impact everyone involved - wish kids, volunteers, donors, sponsors, medical professionals and communities. The impact varies. For wish kids, just the act of making their wish come true can give them the courage to comply with their medical treatments. Parents might finally feel like they can be optimistic. And still others might realize all they have to offer the world through volunteer work or philanthropy. Whatever the odds, whatever the obstacles ... wishes find a way to make the world better.

We rely on medical professionals, parents and children themselves for referrals. Children who have reached the age of 2½ and are under the age of 18 at the time of referral – and have not received a wish from another wish-granting organization – may be eligible for a wish.

We determine a child's medical eligibility with the help of the treating physician. To receive a wish, the child must be diagnosed with a life-threatening medical condition (i.e., a progressive, degenerative or malignant condition that has placed the child's life in jeopardy).

We send one of our enthusiastic wish teams to learn the child's one true wish. These committed volunteers connect with wish children, awaken their imaginations and help them envision an experience with the power to change lives.

Our wish granters create an unforgettable experience driven by the child's creativity. They strive to personalize each wish and to make it match the wish kid's idea of a perfect day.

Nora Lewis, Vice President

FALL YARD SALE RECAP

It was a beautiful day. The sun was shining, our section of Lawrence barn was filled with “treasures” and the large room was busy with vendors. We, the HWC, did very well, clearing \$850.00. Jeanne would like to thank everyone involved in making the event such a success: those who donated items, the bakers, the pricers, the cashiers, those who helped clean up and bring “leftovers” to Goodwill or the church for its fair. She would also like to thank those who helped get the tables to and from the church. A special thank you goes to Mike Murphy, Mary’s husband, who, when called at the last minute, cheerfully helped with the tables.

It was a great team effort. Thank you, again. Mark your calendars for April 14, 2018 and we will do it again.

Jeanne Cleveland, Yard Sale Chair

POT LUCK DINNER PARTY



More than sixty HWC members, spouses, and friends enjoyed a Pot Luck Dinner Party at the Lawrence Barn on Saturday November 11th, Veteran’s Day. We celebrated with a red, white, and blue theme, a fabulous menu of home-cooked food, soft music, and chocolate!

We supported the campaign to write 5,000 Christmas cards to American soldiers, as many wrote personal notes of thanks and holiday wishes on cards to be delivered to the sailors on the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower out of San Diego.

Guests entering the Lawrence Barn saw American flags of all sizes. Red, white and blue colors filled the barn. The table centerpieces of red roses and white mums and baby’s breath were complemented with sparkling blue bows. There were red tablecloths and white and blue napkins. There was even a red, white, and blue quilt, which was being raffled to benefit the DAR. Against this background, partygoers feasted on a variety of delicious salads, soup, hearty casseroles, platters of ham, turkey, and pork tenderloin, desserts, and dinner rolls. Miraculously, there were no duplicates.



After dinner our speaker, Mike Cross, gave an entertaining and humor-laced talk on “Chocolate: the Perfect Indulgence”. We learned about the chemistry of chocolate and our body’s reactions to it, the health benefits of chocolate, and that white chocolate does not contain chocolate (it has cocoa butter). We also learned an easy way to tell if you are purchasing good or bad quality chocolate. If the chocolate has dehydrogenated oil, it’s poor quality -- the cocoa butter was removed and replaced with oil. Opt for chocolate with cocoa butter. Dr. Cross told us chocolate too often gets a bad rap. Contrary to what many think, it does not cause acne, it doesn’t make children hyperactive, it doesn’t contain caffeine, and it doesn’t cause migraines. After the presentation, we tasted milk chocolate and three more chocolates, each with a different percentage of cacaos. Then the real chocoholics indulged in flavored chocolates. Thank you Sue Bridges for an excellent program.

The charity for the month was Care Net Pregnancy Center of Nashua. Our members and guests raised \$191.00 for this helpful charity.

Special thanks to those that helped with the set-up and clean-up: Tina Murguia, Gretchen Gray, Carol Ace, Debby Gracy, Karen Calabro, Grace Calileo, Kimber Harmon, Florence Baker, Carol Birch, James Murguia, and Bob Holmes.

Ginny Brooks and Martha Smith, Potluck Dinner Party, Co-chairs.

3RD ANNUAL HOLLIS HOLIDAY LUMINARIA STROLL



Come and enjoy the spirit of the season with us as we light up Monument Square

Members of the 3rd Annual Hollis Holiday Luminaria Stroll have been working diligently to make it a little grander this year. HWC, Hollis Brookline Rotary, Hollis Agricultural Committee, Nor'easters, Hollis Congregational Church, Town Band and the Boy Scouts are all working together. This has become a community event!

How is everyone helping you ask? Boy Scouts are helping Suzanne Recke with the sales of the luminaria candle kits to all the homeowners who live in the historic district of town. The Scouts will also help with placing and cleanup of the bags around town. The Nor Easter's are helping fund the police coverage and will have three floats in the parade exhibiting the Pink Ride; their fund raiser in the winter for St. Joseph's Cancer Center. Hollis Brookline Rotary helps underwrite the costs of the luminaries placed in public spaces. Their Interact Middle School Club will help place, light and clean up the bags in the town's public streets. Members of the Rotary will help with traffic control during the event. The Hollis Agricultural Commission is sponsoring the tractor parade. They will have at least 9 tractors and are hoping to have antique tractors exhibited. They are organizing the filling and cleaning up of the luminary bags. Brookdale Farms will sponsor free hay rides around Nichols field during the Santa Visit. The Hollis Congregational Church will open its doors to the Meeting House so visitors can keep warm. Our member Marilyn Wehrle will play the church chimes which will be heard throughout the square. Members of the church will participate in a public caroling sing along on the square. Our HWC member Carol Birch and her committee will have a free will offering chili and cornbread supper in Hardy Hall in the church's basement.

Chris Furman is chairing the responsibilities of the Lawrence Barn activities. She is assisted by Yvonne Kleist and Carol Hanover who is managing the sales of cookies and hot cocoa. Julie Fogaard is in charge of managing Santa and Vivian Girard is once again our elf.

So as you see many organizations and community volunteers are coming together to make this a wonderful event to help support the Hollis Town Band's 17th Annual Holiday Concert. The canned goods collected as the admittance fees to the concert are donated to create Christmas Food Baskets. Money raised during intermission is used to buy turkeys to top off the baskets. These food baskets are given to families in need in the HB community.

We all are helping one another! But we still need your help. We need volunteers to help with filling the bags, placing the bags on the streets and with Sunday morning clean up. We need helpers to help clean up the barn after Santa's visit. We have to remove the holiday decorations before nightfall. And we need you to attend and participate in the events.

Come and enjoy the spirit of the season with us as we light up our country village. Bring your children or grandchildren to see Santa, participate in a hayride, enjoy a bowl of chili and don't miss the sing along to the holiday music as the Hollis Town Band performs. It will be a magical and glowing evening!

STROLL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

12:00 Location: Library Parking Lot, Lawrence Barn
Assemble luminary bags/ decorating Lawrence Barn begins

1:00 Location: Monument Square
Volunteers place bags around the square and side streets

3:30 Location: Hollis Social Library
Holiday Story time with Librarian Laura Klain

4:00 Location: Monument Square
Luminaria Stroll and Lighting

Location: Meeting House
Open to warm visitors
Church chimes will begin ringing with Christmas music

4:15 Location: Hardy Hall Church Basement
Chili and Cornbread Supper / free will offering

4:30 Location: Monument Square
**Tree lighting in Square provided by Valicente
Lit Tractor Parade with Santa Claus**

4:45 Carolers in Square

5:00 Location: Lawrence Barn
Visit with Santa
Refreshments for a small donation
Hay Rides on Nichols Fields sponsored by Brookdale Farms

7:00 Location: Hollis Brookline High School Auditorium
17th Annual Holiday Hollis Town Band Concert
Admittance donation of canned food goods

9:00 A.M. Sunday
Location: Monument Square
Clean Up

For more information contact Kimber Harmon Chair of Hollis Holiday Luminaria Stroll at
KimberHarmon106@gmail.com or 465-2742.



HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE



The Holiday Open House will be held on Wednesday December 13th from 4:00-7:00 pm. Member Vivian Girard is kindly hosting this event again at her Bed and Breakfast property (The Timber Post, at 162 Broad Street, Hollis) where she always has a warm, welcoming and cozy atmosphere.

Do join us for this wonderful event where we will enjoy snacks, drinks, fellowship and conversation. Please bring a bottle of whatever you like to drink (wine or non-alcoholic).

We have many talented Members in our midst and, if you are interested in showing or selling your crafts, please email Marilene (msawaf@msn.com), chairperson for this event, to reserve a spot. Reservations will be on a first come, first served basis. Vivian can accommodate up to 5 or 6 artists if they are willing to bring small tables and set up upstairs. (Please note that set-up may start at 3:00 pm - not before - out of consideration for guests residing at the B&B.) For the rest of us, this is a wonderful opportunity to purchase holiday gifts!

Parking: There is plenty of space at the B&B for parking (including several spots behind the building). Please park thoughtfully so that others can get in and out and please do not park on the grass as there are sprinklers embedded in it. If you are unable to park at the property itself, please park on Crestwood Drive (just around the corner) as no parking is allowed on Broad Street.

Marilene Sawaf, Holiday Open House Chair

ACTIVITY GROUP NEWS

Please check out our website under <http://www.holliswomansclub.org/activity-groups/> to find out a little bit about each activity and who to contact to get on their email lists. The Bridge & Giggles group is featured below:

BRIDGE & GIGGLES GROUP



Do you enjoy playing bridge? Our group is made up of players at all levels of experience and we are willing to help beginning players. We are a very social group and welcome new players. Don't be intimidated if you are not an expert. We use "cheat sheets" and we usually have someone available to answer questions. We meet weekly at members' homes on Tuesdays from 9 to 12 pm year round.

Please contact Lori Dwyer if interested in the group at hwclori@gmail.com or call at 465-3190.

NEWSLETTER

The newsletter will be published August through June for the HWC year 2017/2018. HWC officers, chairs and members wishing to submit articles to be included in the December HWC newsletter need to submit them no later than December 15th. Every effort will be made to get your articles in as requested. However, due to space limitations articles may be reduce to fit it in.

Lori Dwyer/ HWC Newsletter Editor

SUNSHINE CHAIR



If you are aware of anyone in the Club that is in need of some cheer, please contact Dot Pitman @ 465-7672.



GFWC-NH NEWS

GFWC-NH MIDWINTER MEETING

January 20, 2018
The Derryfield Restaurant
625 Mammoth Road
Manchester, NH 03104
More details to follow



EVENTS CALENDAR

- Wednesday, December 6th – Board Meeting @ Julie Forgaard's Home @ 6:30 pm
- Saturday, December 9th – Annual Hollis Holiday Luminaria Stroll @ Town Commons @ 4 – 7 pm
- Wednesday, December 13 – Holiday Open House @ Timber Post Bed & Breakfast, 162 Broad Street, from 4 to 7 pm
- Wednesday, January 3 – Board Meeting @ Hollis Congregational Church @ 9 am
- Wednesday, January 10 – General Meeting at Lawrence Barn @ 9 am

LOST & FOUND: At the pot luck someone took the wrong men's leather jacket There was one left and it was not Bill's. It is a black large leather jacket with pockets on it. We would like to make a switch. Call me Kimber at (c) 603-801-4552; (h) 603-465-2742.

